

MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD

MEETING MINUTES June 20, 2008

***** APPROVED *****

Members Present:

Candace Cowling
Jerry Dorsey, IV
Princella Graham
Honorable Amy Krause, Chair
Honorable Nathaniel C. Perry, III

Staff Present:

Michelle Bynum
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Celestine Colton
Julie Giddings
Shelia Hankins

Sarah Heuser
Josie Jubb, Board Secretary
Gail Krieger
Mary Lovik
Karen Porter

Guests:

Kathy Hagenian, MCADSV
Melissa Horste, US Senator Carl Levin's Office
Johanne Nicolas, 54-A District Court
Leslie O'Reilly, Crime Victim Services Commission

Welcome and Introductions

Chair A. Krause convened the June 20, 2008 Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDVPTB) meeting at the DHS, Grand Tower Building in Lansing, MI, at 10:15 a.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda; approval of March 7, 2008 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by J. Dorsey to approve the June 20, 2008 agenda and to approve the March 7, 2008 meeting minutes. Seconded by P. Graham. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Krause thanked E. Sosnick for chairing the March 7, 2008 MDVPTB meeting. M. Lovik and Cathy Church had an article published in the Michigan Family Law Journal regarding Personal Protection Orders in Michigan.

A. Krause noted that MDVPTB has gotten approval to replace prior staff attorney Carol Hackett Garagiola and Lore Rogers is starting 07/01/08.

Congrats to staff P. Aldrich on the birth of her baby girl.

A. Krause is attending *Continuing Judicial Skills in DV* cases given by the National Judicial Institute on Domestic Violence at Providence, RH in September. The funding is provided by the Grants to Encourage Arrests.

C. Cowling gave a presentation about Policy Governance and distributed handouts to the Board and guests. It would be helpful to clarify Board/Staff/Executive Director roles. The reports have to be what is functional to the Board. N. Perry commented that he has been pleased with D. Cain's guidance and reports and feels that we are already speaking as one voice. There was discussion regarding the application of the Carver Model Governance Policy. There aren't concerns now, but in the future there could be concerns if there is a changeover in Board/Executive Director. The Board should review the Ends Statement to make sure they accurately reflect the mission of the Board.

There was discussion of an agreement between DHS and the Board. A committee has been set up of C. Cowling, J. Dorsey, and N. Perry to discuss this further.

Board recommends that Executive Director reports on the Ends Statements only if there are changes and as needed.

MONITORING TO ASSURE ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE

The Governance Process and Policy Review

Executive Limitations:

Asset Protection, Financial Condition, and Emergency Executive Director Succession

The Board reviewed and approved D. Cain's Communication Asset Protection, Financial Condition, and Emergency Executive Director Succession report.

MOTION: Moved by C. Cowling to accept the Asset Protection, Financial Condition, and Emergency Executive Director Succession report. Seconded by N. Perry. Motion carried.

Governance Process:

Board Member's Code of Conduct

The Board reviewed the policies. No motion required.

Board-Staff Relationship:

Executive Director Role, Delegation to the Executive Director, Executive Director Job Description, and Monitoring Executive Performance

The Board reviewed the policies. No motion required.

Legislative Review

M. Lovik reviewed a draft H-2 substitute for HB 5213, expungement of prior conviction.

MOTION: Moved by P. Graham that the Board takes no position on the draft H-2 substitute for HB-5213. Also, the Board requests that the following language be stricken from the general principle adopted December 3, 2004:

“In addition, MDVPTB supports examination of opportunities that exist in current law for domestic violence perpetrators to avoid or eliminate criminal convictions for their crimes, through dismissal, expungement or other avenues, and further supports efforts to reduce or eliminate those opportunities (other than MCL769.4a dismissals) whenever possible.”

Seconded by J. Dorsey. Motion carried.

M. Lovik reported on HB 5984, which amends mandatory reporting provisions in the Child Protection Law. This bill is pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

MOTION: Moved by J. Dorsey that in the event HB 5984 is not passed by the Senate and sent to the Governor’s office by the time the legislature breaks for summer recess, D. Cain is given the Board’s support to contact VAWA grantees statewide to inform them that their child abuse reporting practices must immediately come into compliance with 42 USC 13925(b)(2) Seconded by N. Perry. Motion carried.

M. Lovik discussed a proposal to amend MCL 600.2950a to protect victims of criminal sexual conduct. Board authorized staff to convene a workgroup to develop a new statutory provision for this purpose.

M. Lovik updated board on HB 4330, 4453 GPS monitoring. These bills were reported from the Senate Judiciary Committee on June 17, 2008.

M. Lovik updated board on HB 6048, 6049, 6050, Emergency Contraception. There is currently no action on these bills.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

D. Cain updated board on projects and indicated that a number of Request for Proposals (RFP) are in process, including the STOP application for communities of color; working with dads that have been ordered into supervised visitation; and preparing men who are within 6 months of getting out of prison to enhance their parenting and fathering skills.

The Proud Fathers Proud Parents (PFPP) contracts have been contracted for one year.

MDVPTB is funding the BISCMI conference is September 17, 18, 19 at Shanty Creek for fatherhood,

healthy relationships and domestic violence. There will be national experts presenting/attending.

Legislative Review (Cont'd)

Staff member Gail Krieger and Leslie O'Reilly from the Department of Community Health gave an overview of the STOP grant certification requirements in 42 USC 3796gg-4, and ongoing efforts to meet these requirements in Michigan by using funding administered by the Crime Victim Services Commission to incur the costs of forensic medical exams for victims of criminal sexual conduct.

D. Cain thanked L. O'Reilly and the Crime Victim Compensation staff for their excellent partnership with MDVPTB.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

PROCESS EVALUATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting ended at 1:30 p.m.

MOTION: Moved by P. Graham to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by J. Dorsey. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Josie Jubb